[Translation]

Production of Children Programmes

707. SHRI DEVENDRA BAHADUR ROY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the C.I.E.T., a subordinate office of N.C.E.R.T. awards contracts to private producers/companies for the production of children programmes; and

(b) if so, the number of programmes assigned to the private producers during 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97 and the total amount paid to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) and (b) As per the information received from CIET, it has discontinued the scheme of assigning Educational Television Production to outside producers/companies on Turn-Key basis from the year 1995-96. The total number of programmes assigned to the private producers for ETV children/Teachers Programmes during the year 1994-95 was six (6) and the total amount paid to them was Rs. 14.25 lakhs.

[English]

Modernisation of Madarsa Education

708. SHRI MUKHTAR ANIS: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total Eighth Plan outlay on the Scheme for the modernisation of Madarsa Education in the country;

(b) the total expenditure incurred during the Plan period, State-wise;

(c) the total number of beneficiary Madarsas, State-wise;

(d) whether there has been under utilisation of funds allotted;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor;

(f) whether the Scheme has been continued for the Ninth Plan also; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) The approved outlay at the commencement of the VIIIth plan for the scheme for modernisation of Madarsa Education was Rs.100.00 lakhs.

(b) to (e) The total grant released during the Eighth Plan is Rs. 383.25 lakhs, which was in excess of the allocation.

(Rs. in lakhs)

	State	No.of Madarsas	Total Amount
1.	U.P.	318	141.23
2.	M.P.	39	16.86
3.	Haryana	25	10.24
4.	Kerala	42	12.77
5.	Tripura	127	44.95
6.	West Bengal	92	49.09
7.	Assam	49	27.82
8.	Tamil Nadu	1	0.30
9.	Rajasthan	(Book Banks for 186 Madrasas)	15.33
10.	Sikkim	1	0.56
11.	Delhi	5	1.52
12.	Andhra Pradesh	36	10.95
13.	Bihar	146	44.38
14.	Chandigarh	1	0.30
15.	Maharashtra	6	1.82
16.	Karnataka	9	5.12

(f) and (g) Planning Commission have not finalized the Ninth Plan. However, a budget of Rs.700.00 lakhs have been allocated for 1997-98 for the scheme.

[Translation]

Funds to Celebrate 50 Years of India's Independence

706. SHRI CHAMAN LAL GUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated/made available by the Union Government to various States for celebrating 50 years of India's Independence, State-wise; and

(b) the details of such programmes, State-wise;

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI): (a) and (b) State Government and Union Territories have to organise programmes for Commemoration of 50th Anniversary of India's Independence out of their respective budgets. However, for the National event organised at Ballia on 19.8.97, the Central Government provided financial assistance of the State Government to the extent of Rs. 5.00 lakhs. Similarly, financial assistance amounting to Rs. 10.5 lakhs has been